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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.98 copies of the following patents and/or publications are submitted herewith:

United States Patent No. 5,144,514 (Sekigawa et al.), dated September 1, 1992, and corresponding German Patent DE 40 20 187 C2, dated January 17, 1991;

United States Patent No. 5,375,029 (Fukunaga et al.), dated December 20, 1994, and corresponding German Published Non-Prosecuted Patent Application DE 43 34 386 A1, dated April 14, 1994;

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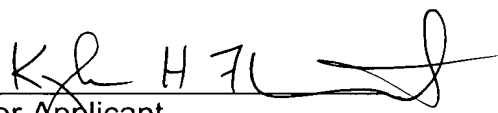
Japanese Patent Abstract JP 00 235 424 A (Oshima), dated August 29, 2000.

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. 1.97 (c) (2), consideration of this Information Disclosure Statement is requested.

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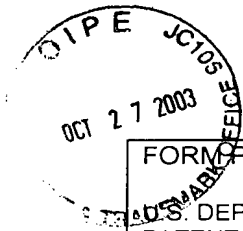

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